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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 16 February 1965

General Carter was in the Chair as Acting DCI.

Current Intelligence Briefing covered: additional ChiCom jet fighters near NVN border, Communist propaganda positions on Vietnam, MACV report that Viet Cong suffered highest casualties last week since 1963, new government installed today under Quat, reactions to alleged "bombing" of Uganda border post, tense situation in Honduras, Indonesia, imminent death of ChiNat Vice President, Laos. Tabled was a 5-page summary of cables to and from [redacted]

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[redacted] reported that 1017 is scheduled for launch tomorrow. We await good weather for a TACKLE mission over South China. A problem involving the spike strut has temporarily stood down OXCART activity.

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[redacted] reported that he had talked with General Blake yesterday who is preparing a memo for Generals Carter and Carroll on surfacing of SIGINT [redacted] The SIGINT committee met yesterday to prepare papers for USIB consideration this week.

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Warner reported that Senator Long is out of town, but that he saw the Long Committee's Chief Counsel yesterday concerning [redacted]. Chief Counsel promises the Committee will not get into security matters. Agency reps will meet with [redacted] today to provide advice. General Carter directed that the FBI and Secret Service be thoroughly informed and that we must not only advise [redacted] but must see to it that Senator Long and his staff know the precise nature of this advice. General Carter said he stood available at any time to meet with the Committee, and he said it was most important to make sure that this is kept under complete control.

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Chretien reported on the line handed out by a Soviet Embassy official to a French newsmen yesterday concerning Soviet policy on Vietnam. DDI noted that a number of Soviet Embassy officials had apparently peddled the same line to other newsmen as well.

Sherm Kent noted that the BNE had completed the memo requested late last week dealing with Peiking and Hanoi reactions to the Vietnam affair. General Carter will study the memo before determining what distribution to give it. There was some discussion of getting State and DIA concurrence on the memo, or perhaps tabling it at USIB this week.

DDI tabled a study being published this week on NVN topography.

DDI noted a State Department circular re the forthcoming ChiCom test. A State Department public announcement will be made today.

DDI alerted the meeting to the possibility that DOD may be planning to surface the findings of our [redacted] who have pinned

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DDI reported on his trip [redacted]

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Executive Director noted that McNamara will increase funds from [redacted]

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Executive Director said he was ready to meet with DDI, A/DDP, and [redacted] on cable support to DDI.

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General Carter asked DDI to study the [redacted]
[redacted] as a general indicator, perhaps unrelated to [redacted]

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General Carter asked advice as to whether DOD should be pressed to hold an NRO ExCom meeting this week. Advice was that this would be better deferred until assessment of the NRO budget is complete.

General Carter asked [redacted] to keep him informed on any reaction to the two cables sent over the weekend concerning CORONA and contractors.

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General Carter asked that efforts continue to complete planning for a meeting with [redacted] next week.

General Carter inquired into the status of Agency early Retirement regulations. Warner said that we will meet with BOB in the next day or two. Executive Director reported that we are going ahead on the processing of these regulations.

General Carter asked if there had been any date set for a Congressional review of our budget. The answer was in the negative. General Carter asked that John Clarke find out when DNRO will go to the Hill to discuss the NRO budget.

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General Carter commended for reading the news article by [redacted]
[redacted] concerning Vietnam.

General Carter noted the lack of policy meetings on Vietnam and asked all hands to keep ears to the ground. He said that he had been in daily touch with McGeorge Bundy and Bromley Smith who indicated no need for meetings.

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